

York County Library Board of Trustees Meeting
June 11, 2026 Fort Mill (Baxter) Public Library 1:00 p.m.

Chairman Tim Steele called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Attending board members: Tim Steele, Nancy Nicholson, Terry Plumb, Laura Milem, Carol Herring, and Susan Piening, Dennis Getter. Also attending: Julie Ward (Director YCL), Martin House (YCL).

Public Comments: None

Previous meeting minutes:

Terry Plumb made a motion to approve the April 19, 2026, minutes; Laura Milem seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Reports:

Director Julie Ward presented the monthly statistics, noting an increase in printing and use of the APP. The Rock Hill electrical update went well. She also distributed a schedule of York County Library closings for FY 2026-2027 that was adopted and aligns with the county closures.

Treasurer Dennis Getter provided statements for April and May, noting that the library budget and spending are in good shape. He noted there would be a payment to the consultant we would be hiring to assist with the strategic plan.

Strategic Planning Committee Chair Carol Herring to give report during new business.

Policy Committee Chair Dennis Getter noted that the committee met on June 9, 2026, and made a motion that the board accept the charges and fees policy. Susan Piening seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Dennis Getter also made a motion that we accept the library-initiated program singularly for clarity. Carol seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Dennis Getter made a motion we accept the policy on Guidelines for User Behavior. Nancy seconded. Julie provided background for the need to have this policy with her knowledge of patron actions. The motion passed unanimously.

Dennis Getter made a final motion that we accept the Study Room policy (applies to York and Rock Hill for now). Susan seconded. After much discussion, Terry Plumb suggested a change in wording to “may be suspended for the remainder of the year” to clarify the duration of consequences for failing

to follow policy. He made a motion to change the wording, and Susan seconded. The motion passed unanimously with that revision.

Unfinished business: None

New business:

Strategic Planning Committee Chair Carol Herring reviewed the process that the committee has followed over the past few months. She made a motion that the trustees hire RTL (ReThinking Libraries) to serve as the consultant for the strategic planning process. Terry seconded the motion. Carol did point out that the three committee members were unanimous in their choice of this consulting company. The committee had asked Julie to contact a North Carolina county library that had used RTL to get feedback on their experience. She reported back that the NC library system had nothing but praise for this group, and that they highly recommended them. The motion passed unanimously.

Terry Plumb commended Carol for her leadership in this committee.

Election of Officers:

The slate of officers now serving was elected to continue: Tim Steele, chair; Nancy Nicholson, vice chair; Dennis Getter, treasurer; Carol Herring, secretary.

Julie Ward gave each trustee the names of books that had been requested for reconsideration, along with the action taken at this point. Every book is seen by three members of the committee before a decision is made.

Executive Session: Nancy Nicholson made a motion to go into executive session for the annual evaluation of the director. Laura Milem seconded.

Action Resulting from Executive Session: None

Nancy Nicholson made a motion to adjourn; Carol Herring seconded. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 2:34 p.m.

Submitted,
Carol Herring, Secretary